

REMARKS

I. Status

In the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, the Examiner noted that claims 1-5 were pending, and rejected claims 1-5. Claim 1 has been amended, and new claims 6-15 have been added. Thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 1-15 remain pending for reconsideration, which is requested. No new matter has been added. The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

II. Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yonezawa (U.S. Patent 6,104,681). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The present invention recites a second means for receiving a displacement notice and sending a first correction proportionate to a displacement; a third means for receiving the displacement notice and sending a second correction disproportionate to the displacement; and a fourth means for receiving the first and second corrections, and producing a driving force proportionate to the sum of the first and second correction for driving the pick-up head to follow the information track.

In contrast, block 15 of FIG. 7 of Yanezawa (which the Examiner cited as evidence of the "fourth means") is a course actuator driving circuit 15 which "adds an output signal of the predetermined value output circuit 24 to the course actuator driving signal and drives the course actuator by the sum signal in order to coarsely position the optical head 4." (column 4, lines 25-28). The cited block 15 of Yanezawa does not disclose the "fourth means" with a "first and second corrections" which produce a driving force proportionate to the first and second corrections.

Furthermore the sections column 4, lines 18-24 cited by the Examiner do

not show a second means "sending a first correction signal proportionate (emphasis added) to the displacement" and a third means "sending a second correction disproportionate (emphasis added) to the displacement".

Therefore, the present invention recited in claims 1-5 and depending claims therefrom is not suggested by the cited prior art.

III. New Claims

New claims 6-15 recite that the features of the present invention include a decision-making ruler configured to receive a first and second corrections, and producing a driving force proportionate to the sum of the first and second correction for driving a pick-up head to follow an information track. It is submitted that the new claims distinguish over the prior art.

IV. Concluding Matters

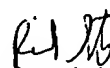
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any remaining questions to correct format matters, it is urged that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney with a telephone interview to expedite and complete prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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